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## **TBS Honors its Volunteers**

Library volunteers have a variety of interests, abilities, talents and experiences that help make Talking Book Services a well-rounded and effective organization. To recognize their efforts and to say thank you, the S.C. State Library held a volunteer appreciation lunch at the library on April 5<sup>th</sup>. The theme for the event was Volunteers Make a Difference Every Day.

Freddie Peaco, the Volunteer/Government Information Specialist at the National Library Service in Washington, DC, congratulated the volunteers on their accomplishments. "The work of volunteers reaches into communities that you may never be aware of and all across the country. Patrons with good working machines and plenty of books that are in good condition because they were inspected, pass this message on to newly blind individuals in their neighborhood, eligible friends and relatives in other states who are then encouraged to seek this service in their own communities. I know this happens because I have heard many such stories," added Mrs. Peaco. State Library Director Patti Butcher and Talking Book Services Director Pamela N. Davenport also offered thanks and words of appreciation to the volunteers.



Naomi Bradey, the Volunteer Coordinator gave special recognition to Alice Nolte who has contributed over 700 hours of service and to Ted Floyd, a Telcom Pioneer volunteer who has repaired cassette machines for 10 years. Their names were added to existing plaques that are displayed in the library. During 2005, over fifty volunteers contributed more than 2,100 hours of service to the library.

# HAVING MY SAY

Pamela N. Davenport  
Director, TBS



The National Talking Book Program was established by an act of Congress in 1931 to serve blind adults. It was expanded in 1952 to include children, in 1962 to provide music materials and again in 1966 to include individuals with other physical impairments that prevent the reading of standard print. Happy 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the National Library Service.

## TALKING BOOKS CELEBRATE 33 YEARS OF SERVICE

The South Carolina program had its humble beginning 33 years ago in 1973, when the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH), a department of the State Library was established. We are now named Talking Book Services (TBS).

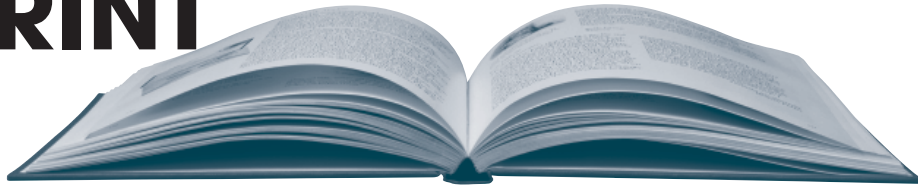
On April 5, 2006 South Carolina hosted a Volunteer Recognition Program and celebrated 33 years of service. Mrs. Freddie Peaco, Volunteer/Government Information Specialist from the National Library Service was our guest speaker. James Kirby, Commissioner, SC Commission for the Blind, National Federation of the Blind of SC (NFB of SC) President Emeritus Donald C. Capps and his wife Mrs. Betty Capps, members and friends from both the NFB of SC and the American Council of the Blind of SC (ACB of SC) were on hand to wish us well. We were honored to also have three of the past TBS directors present with us during the celebration.

South Carolina was fortunate to have the insight of some very determined people to structure its foundation over the years. One such person is Jim Johnson who shared a story with me about when TBS was housed in a casket factory in Cayce, SC. In a recent conversation with the Johnsons they shared a good gardening tip that they learned from those early years. "Casket handles make good tomato stakes." According to the Johnsons the handles lasted for ten years. Fortunately for TBS our program is still growing and has reached so many adults and children over the years. We have certainly come a long way from a casket factory in Cayce. It just goes to show that when you plant a reading seed the harvest is good.

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# FOR LARGE PRINT READERS



Listed below is a sampling of large print titles in the collection. Copies are limited. Additional listings are available upon request. Call 800-922-7818 or 803-734-4611.

- LP 19476** Bolton, Martha. **Cooking with Hot Flashes: And Other Ways to Make Middle Age Profitable.** Comedy writer points out the distinct advantages of aging and what the over-forty crowd can get away with.
- LP 19417** Clarke, Richard A. **The Scorpion's Gate.** A radical new government has taken over Saudi Arabia and intelligence operatives from the United States and England work desperately to forestall an unnecessary war.
- LP 19449** Collins, Max Allan. **Road to Paradise.** Sick of killing, Michael Satariano declines an order from mobster Sam Giancana himself to rub out a rival, then gets framed for murder.
- LP 19349** Depres, Lorraine. **The Bad Behavior of Belle Cantrell.** A young widow tosses caution—and bloomers—to the wind in 1920's Louisiana and shocks her small hometown of Gentry.
- LP 19419** Rich, Ronda. **The Town that Came A-Courtin'.** The quirky residents of Bliss, Mississippi, have matchmaking on their minds when best-selling author Abby Houston moves to town.
- LP 19471** Smith, Ashley. **Unlikely Angel: The Untold Story of the Atlanta Hostage Hero.** The story of Ashley Smith, who miraculously talked her way out of the hands of alleged courthouse killer Brian Nichols.
- LP 19453** Swanson, James L. **Manhunt: The Twelve-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer.** A gripping hour-by-hour account of the pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth, from April 14 to April 26, 1865.
- LP 19442** Winchester, Simon. **A Crack in the Edge of the World: America and the Great California Earthquake of 1906.** An adventurous and informative look at earthquakes, as seen through the devastating quake in San Francisco in 1906.

# NEW DVS RELEASES

## **DV 294 Batman Begins**

Tells the story anew, when Bruce Wayne (Christian Bale) flees Western civilization following the murder of his parents and transforms into the Caped Crusader, a fearsome avenging angel. Rated PG-13

## **DV 295 The Polar Express**

Based on Chris Van Allsburg's popular children's book, On Christmas Eve, a doubting boy boards a magical train that's headed to the North Pole and Santa Claus's home. Tom Hanks stars. Rated G

## **DV 296 Cinderella Man**

Dramatizes the legendary Depression-era comeback of impoverished boxer Jim Braddock against heavyweight champion Max Baer. Starring Russell Crow and directed by Ron Howard. Rated PG-13

## **DV 297 The 40 Year Old Virgin**

Involved in a series of amusing escapades, a nerdy guy (Steve Carell) who's looking for love finds the pressure mounting when he meets a single mother. Rated R

## **DV 298 Fever Pitch**

In this romantic comedy, Lindsay Meeks (Drew Barrymore) is stuck in the middle of her relationship with Ben Wrightman (Jimmy Fallon) and his passion for the Boston Red Sox. Rated PG-13

## **DV 299 Fantastic Four**

In this live-action version of the classic comic book, a group of astronauts gain superpowers after cosmic radiation exposure and must use them to oppose the plans of their enemy, Doctor Victor Von Doom. Rated PG-13

## **DV 300 Mr. & Mrs. Smith**

A bored married couple (Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt) is surprised to learn that they are both assassins hired by competing agencies to kill each other. Rated PG-13

## **DV 301 Herbie : Fully Loaded**

Maggie Peyton (Lindsay Lohan), the new owner of Herbie—the free-wheelin' Volkswagen bug with a mind of its own—puts the car through its paces on the road to becoming a NASCAR competitor. Rated G

## **DV 302 Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**

A young boy wins a tour through the most magnificent chocolate factory in the world, led by the world's most unusual candymaker, Willie Wonka. Starring Johnny Depp. Rated PG



# READERS' ADVISORS PICKS

**RC 58201** Bray, Libba. **A Great and Terrible Beauty.** After her mother's murder, sixteen-year-old Gemma Doyle attends an English boarding school where she learns she has supernatural powers that leads her to a magical realm. (Keadle)

**RC 40224** Evanovich, Janet. **One for the Money.** Out-of-work lingerie buyer Stephanie Plum blackmails her cousin into hiring her as a bounty hunter. Her first case is a vice cop accused of shooting an unarmed man. (Windham)

**RC 49742** Heaney, Seamus. **Beowulf: A New Verse Translation.** New modern translation the tenth-century Anglo-Saxon epic that chronicles the feats of Scandinavian warrior Beowulf, who battles with monsters and brings wisdom to leadership. (Windham)

**RC 46127** Irving, John. **A Widow for One Year.** Ruth Cole is four in the summer of 1958 when her mother, Marion, has an affair with sixteen-year-old Eddie O'Hare, who reminds her of one of her two dead sons. (Greer)

**RC 51148** McCullough, Colleen. **The Thorn Birds.** Saga of the Australian Cleary family. Central characters are Meggie and the one man she truly loves—priest Ralph de Bricassart. (Leventis)

**RC 54938** Quindlen, Anna. **Blessings.** Skip Cuddy, caretaker of Lydia Blessing's country estate, discovers an abandoned baby on the doorstep and is encouraged by his employer to keep her, rejuvenating the household. (Leventis)

**RC 52601** Russo, Richard. **Empire Falls.** Empire Falls, Maine, was once a thriving town. Miles Roby, who runs the Empire Grill, recounts the tale of this dying town with bemused regret. (Greer)

**RC 58011** Stroud, Jonathan. **The Amulet of Samarkand.** Twelve-year-old apprentice magician Nathaniel calls up the djinni Bartimaeus to steal an amulet from a powerful minister with unforeseen consequences. (Keadle)

## NEW CBCs

**CBC 464** **Quinnie Blue** (Read by Dinah Johnson, Author)  
**CBC 465** **Signs and Wonders** (Read by Charles Bierbauer)  
**CBC 467** **A Treasury of Talking Books.**

# BEACH READS



**RC 61201** Gabaldon, Diana. **A Breath of Snow and Ashes: Outlander Series; Book 6.** Jamie Fraser and his time-traveling wife, Claire, are caught in the conflict between Great Britain and its American colonies. Sequel to The Fiery Cross (RC 53366).

**RC 61319** Kellerman, Jonathan. **Gone: An Alex Delaware Novel.** An investigation reveals the abduction of two art students to be a fake, but the murder that follows requires the police to seek the assistance of psychologist Alex Delaware.

**RC 61241** King, Stephen. **Cell.** Graphic artist Clayton Riddell is in Boston when the Pulse, a phenomenon that turns cell-phone users into murderous zombies, strikes people around him.

**RC 61488** Patterson, James. **Lifeguard.** Palm Beach, Florida, lifeguard Ned Kelly takes part in a mansion art heist in which Ned's friends and lover are killed. FBI agent Ellie Shurtleff tracks Ned but believes that he is innocent.

**RC 61562** Roberts, Nora. **Red Lilly: In the Garden Trilogy; Book 3.** The ghost of Harper House is still causing problems for friends and co-workers Rosalind, Stella, and Hayley. But Hayley finds herself falling in love. Sequel to Black Rose (RC 60606).

**RC 61491** Sparks, Nicholas. **At First Sight.** Divorced New York reporter Jeremy Marsh from True Believer (RC 60188) relocates to Boone Creek, North Carolina, to wed his pregnant lover, librarian Lexie.

**RC 60641** Steel, Danielle. **Toxic Bachelors.** Three bachelor friends spend the summer cruising the Mediterranean. Philanthropist Charlie, celebrity attorney Adam, and artist Gray unexpectedly find true love.

## MAKE NOTE

The library will be closed Monday, September 4  
in observance of Labor Day.

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to the library, please make sure the mailing card in the book or canvas mailing bag remains with that book. Books and magazines are checked in with the mailing card. It is very important not to mix up the cards, books and magazines. This will help us insure that every item you return is checked in and removed from your record.

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### Keeping up with the Digital Talking Books

In 2008, The Talking Book program will move into the digital age. We are very excited about the progress this is going to bring to you our patrons. National Library Service (NLS) made the decision to skip the compact discs and produce the flash memory card. The flash cards will be a little smaller than the cassette tape. NLS is in the process of designing a new player for the new digital book. Some of the features you currently enjoy will be enhanced. The sound quality will be better, and according to reports the new machine will be smaller than the current machines. It's being called by some "The Talking Brick". No more rewinding! Most books will be on one card and you will be able to skip around the book with ease. The sleep button will allow you to never miss another chapter in your favorite novel again. We are hoping for a smooth transition as we move into a digital reality. Talking Book Topics and the Braille Book Review offer more information about the Digital Talking Books and the new machine. You can also visit the NLS website at <http://www.loc.gov/nls/>